



12 February 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Request from House Appropriations Committee  
for Information on Eaton Study Group

1. Frank Hand has sent the attached memorandum over by LDX. Please note that you may be hearing direct from Paul Nitze.

2. This request was made by staff members of the Committee to staff members of DIA, who told the requestors they would have to go higher up in Defense. We do not know if the matter has been brought to the attention of Mahon or any other Committee member. It is possible we may hear no more of this, but the staff members appeared to be fairly insistent.

3. There really aren't any "papers" now that could be made available, except the USIB document referred to, and attached herewith. There are good reasons for not giving the Committee or any of its components this paper or any substantive ones that may be forthcoming:

a. This is a Presidentially-directed committee. Bureaucratically speaking, neither you nor the Secretary of Defense has the authority to give this information to the Congress.

b. There is nothing in what we have available now that would have a bearing on appropriations. Whenever anything substantive emerges, its impact on appropriations will almost certainly be marginal (particularly if Eaton takes the path of suggesting that most of the problems indicated in his terms of reference should be examined further by someone else -- as he has shown signs of doing).

4. On the other hand, Mahon is Mahon.

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5. The following action might be suggested to Nitze if and when he gets in touch with you:

a. Since the study is under your cognizance, John Warner could talk to Mahon's staff director and try to turn this off, on the grounds mentioned in paragraph 3.

b. If no luck there, Warner to do the same with Mahon.

c. Warner could tell the staff or Mahon that you would be glad to describe the Eaton study orally at a regular meeting with the Committee.

(Signed) Thomas A. Parrott

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2 Attachments